

# Minutes Board of Town Trustees

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

LAKE COUNTY

TOWN OF NEWPORT

May 18, 2016

**Members Present:**

Beth Hartford, Trustee

Ronald Miller, Trustee

Diane Crittenden, Trustee

Corey Kirschhoffer, Trustee

Randy Whitmore, Supervisor

Debbie Spurgeon, Clerk

Jerome Berens, Assessor

Rodger Edmonds, Highway Commissioner

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Whitmore called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Town Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Supervisor Whitmore led the Pledge of Allegiance at the budget public hearing held prior to tonight's Regular Meeting.

**Roll Call:** In attendance, Beth Hartford, Ron Miller, Rodger Edmonds, Jerome Berens, Diane Crittenden, Corey Kirschhoffer, Randy Whitmore and Debbie Spurgeon. Also present, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, PC attorney, Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was not called for approval.

**Approval of Minutes:** Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion and second to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2016 (Special) Regular Meeting. No discussion.

Motion by Hartford, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes as presented from April 27, 2016.

Voice vote: Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion passed 5-0.

**Reports:**

**Supervisor's Report:**

No report.

**Highway Commissioner's Report:**

Commissioner Edmonds notes Lake County will be out doing striping for the township on Edwards, Crawford, and Delany roads over the next month.

Kaiser Road is being engineered for paving later this year. Edmonds intends to pave a portion of Dilly's as discussed at a previous meeting, in coordination with the Village of Wadsworth.

Edmonds also addressed comments made by a Newport resident in the earlier budget hearing regarding Townline Road. Edmonds re-stated Newport's portion of the roadway is in good shape. He additionally commented Paula Trigg (LCDOT) is perturbed with Waukegan and Benton Townships for their failure to address long-standing resident concerns regarding this roadway and access to their homes. (There are 11 residents along Townline.) Edmonds agreed to contact Paula Trigg to determine if any progress has been made with the responsible entities. Newport advice to the resident is to continue to contact Waukegan and Benton townships.

**Assessor's Report:**

Assessor Berens reported tax bills are out and after a couple of years of going down and leveling off, values are now climbing again. Blue cards will come out in July. Residents can expect a factor that is about twice what it was last year, and have 30 days to address concerns with Berens' local office.

Whitmore questions whether sales values are actually trending up. Berens says the county uses qualified sales to determine trends and he believes it is true that home values are climbing again.

**Clerk Comments:**

No report.

**Trustee Comments:**

Beth Hartford – No report.

Ron Miller— No report.

Diane Crittenden—No report.

Corey Kirschhoffer—No report.

**Attorney's Report:**

No report.

**Township Business:**

Supervisor Whitmore introduced the General Township Budget, and requested a motion to adopt the General Township/General Town Fund Budget for fiscal year 2016/2017.

Motion by Crittenden; seconded by Kirschhoffer.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Crittenden, Kirschhoffer, Whitmore. Nays, Hartford, Miller.

Motion passed 3-2.

The supervisor requested a motion to adopt the Road District Budget for fiscal year 2016/2017.

Motion by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Crittenden.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Crittenden, Kirschhoffer, Whitmore. Nays, Hartford, Miller.

Motion passed 3-2.

**Finances:**

Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion to approve the Assessor/General Town Fund bills.

Motion by Crittenden; seconded by Kirschhoffer.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Crittenden, Kirschhoffer, Whitmore; Nays, Hartford, Miller. Motion passed 3-2.

Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion to approve the General Town Fund bills.

Motion by Crittenden; seconded by Kirschhoffer.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Crittenden, Kirschhoffer, Whitmore; Nays, Hartford, Miller. Motion passed

3-2.

Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion to approve the Road & Bridge Fund bills.

Motion by Kirschhoffer; seconded by Crittenden.

Voice Vote: Ayes, Crittenden, Kirschhoffer, Whitmore; Nays, Hartford, Miller. Motion passed 3-2.

**Public Comment:**

No public wishing to comment.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**Executive Session:**

No closed session.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Supervisor Whitmore requested a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Motion by Miller; seconded by Hartford.

Voice Vote: Ayes, all; Nays none. Motion passed 5-0.  
Meeting adjourns at 7:23 p.m.

**Dated the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.**

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s/Debbie Spurgeon

**Debbie Spurgeon, Township Clerk**